

Preparing to Publish

Comparison-Contrast Essay

Apply the Rubric

A strong comparison-contrast essay . . .

- ✓ identifies the two works in a strong introduction
- ✓ explains the similarities and/or differences between the works in a focused thesis statement
- ✓ includes well-chosen details, examples, and quotations from the works to support ideas
- ✓ precisely explains comparisons and contrasts
- ✓ develops ideas within a consistent organizational pattern
- ✓ uses transitions effectively
- ✓ varies sentence beginnings
- ✓ ends powerfully by drawing an overall conclusion about the works

Ask a Peer Reader

- Which statement that I made had the biggest impact on you? Why?
- Did any parts of my conclusion seem weak or confusing?



Add Transitions

For Comparing

also
another
both
in addition to
similarly

For Contrasting

but
however
in contrast
instead
on the other hand

Check Your Grammar

- Include a comma after an introductory word or phrase.

At the beginning of the stories, the relationships between the characters are totally dissimilar.

See page R49: Quick Reference: Punctuation

- Make similar sentence elements parallel.

Realizing that they are both doomed unless someone comes to find them, von Gradwitz offers Znaeym an end to their feud and ~~to be friends~~ a pledge of friendship.

See page R64: Parallel Structure

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